

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

They Were Not
A Failure

THE comprehensive communiqué on the London talks between British and Soviet leaders indicates that the visit to Britain of Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev was by no means in vain. A surprising amount of agreement in principle was reached on a wide variety of subjects, the Russians subscribing to viewpoints both encouraging and reassuring.

By far the most important outcome of the discussions was the Soviet promise fully to align herself with the United Nations in its endeavours to bring peace to the Middle and Near East. The Russians will have opportunity of giving substance to that assurance when Mr. Hammarskjöld returns from his Middle East tour and puts before the UN his proposals for ending the Arab-Israeli strife and the restoration of peace and security in Palestine.

The communiqué also goes some way towards giving form to the Soviet theory of co-existence. Agreement was reached for a freer and wider exchange of knowledge, information and personal contacts in the fields of culture, science, technology, art and sports, and, interestingly, both sides agreed it was commendable there should be continuous and direct contact between national leaders.

ONLY on one subject did Sir Anthony Eden and his visitors fail to reach any sort of agreement, and the communiqué in sober document truly reflecting the tone and spirit of the discussions frankly admits it. The Russian leaders cannot see their way clear to assist in the reunification of Germany, while the British government remains no less insistent that settlement of the whole European problem is dependent on reunification through free elections.

Any substantial narrowing of the gap in East-West thought on Germany at the London talks was not seriously expected; disappointment is, therefore, less sharp. It is nonetheless regrettable because, like disarmament, the future of Germany is an international issue of fundamental importance, and is something on which agreement some time or another must be reached if European tranquillity is to be maintained.

The communiqué affords a better understanding of the trade offer which the Russian leaders put forward and indicates that strategic commodities aside, opportunity exists for a substantial increase in trade between Britain and the Soviet Union. Britain must expand her trade, and while that can be done without infringing the controls on strategic goods, she is perfectly entitled to explore and develop every available channel. There should be no hesitation in endeavouring to secure a favourable balance of trade with Russia in legitimate commodities.

The Big Parade In Pictures

Tomorrow's big feature-packed China Mail has a special page of pictures of the Queen's birthday parade in Kowloon last week.

There is in addition our usual two page spread of Hongkong pictures.

The China Mail also begins publication of a new series on one of the most fantastic characters of our time, John Marshall delves into the life and legends of the poet, Dylan Thomas.

These are only some of the week-end Mail highlights. Watch out for these:

- ★ Les Armour profiles Alec Guinness.
- ★ The Red Indian from Sussex, a world's strangest story.
- ★ Chapman Pincher on lunch-time drinking.

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts film reviews, special sections for women, sportsmen and children, cartoons, comic strips, puzzles, Gills and the tips for tomorrow's races at the Valley—all in the Saturday Mail.

RUSSIA'S £1,000m TRADE OFFER TO BRITAIN

London, Apr. 26.

Russia offered to buy up to £1,000 million worth of goods from Britain in the next five years, the joint Anglo-Soviet communiqué revealed tonight.

But it made a condition: it would buy only if Britain imposed no restrictions on the goods sold. The offer was made during talks between Sir Anthony Eden and the Soviet leaders.

More than half the goods Russia proposed to buy included many products not restricted by the embargo on trade to European Communist countries. But although the two countries agreed to in-

crease trade, Reuter said it was understood British ministers refused to ease the embargo unilaterally.

The Russian shopping list covered a range of industrial goods and raw

materials including machinery and ships.

Soviet leaders said the purchases envisaged would necessitate an increase in their earnings of sterling.

After Britain had said the United Kingdom market was "open to a wide range of Soviet exports," the two sides agreed that experts should consider how trade could be increased.

British officials could not say whether this meant that the Russians were prepared to expand trade even if she refused to sell embargoed goods. But their impression was that Russia might.—Reuter.

'NO AGREEMENT' COMMUNIQUE

EDEN AND BULGANIN
REPORT ON TALKS

BUT MANY GOOD
INTENTIONS

London, Apr. 26.

British and Soviet leaders after 10 days of secret talks tonight issued a 2,000-word statement of good intentions, but could record no solid achievement.

The statement, signed by Sir Anthony Eden and Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the British and Soviet Prime Ministers, did not contain a single binding agreement, and admitted frankly that the statesmen could not agree how best to safeguard peace in Europe.

Both countries pledged themselves to do "everything in their power" to obtain peace in the Middle East and to support any United Nations initiative to bring about a permanent settlement between the Arabs and the Jews.

But no joint proposals were offered. Officials said the first major test of the Soviet attitude to the Middle East would come in the Security Council soon when it discusses the recommendations for easing Arab-Israeli tensions by Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld.

ARMS RACE

In another part of the communiqué the Anglo-Soviet leaders declared: "They will do their utmost to put an end to the arms race in all parts of the world and to free the peoples of the world from the threat of a new war."

British ministers who protested strongly to Russia against the recent Communist arms shipments to the Arabs, hope this promise will apply particularly to the Middle East.

But it is believed the Russians refused to have the phrase included in the section of the communiqué dealing with the arms race.

The statement contains an implicit admission that the two sides found no meeting ground for resolving unsettled international problems.

ASIAN PROBLEMS

It says Asian as well as European problems were studied, but added that "both parties will strive to promote a solution in the interests of consolidating general peace."

In a separate British statement issued with the communiqué, the Foreign Office said no understanding was reached on the means of attaining German re-unification in peace and freedom. Both sides had restated their known positions.

This statement added: "In the view of the British Government the achievement of German re-unification had an outstanding place among the

problems whose solution we must strive to promote." In the communiqué no specific references were made to the problem of tension in the Far East or to the United Nations or the Vietnam situation.

It was agreed a solution of the disarmament problem "would be of the utmost significance for the maintenance of world peace."

NUCLEAR WAR

"The two governments agreed on the paramount importance of saving humanity from the threat of nuclear warfare. Their common objective remains the ultimate prohibition of nuclear weapons."

The two sides said they recognised the necessity of agreeing to start without delay "upon practical measures for a substantial reduction under appropriate international control of the

NEW SOVIET MOVE
IN ARMS TALKS

London, Apr. 26.

Russia said today it was now prepared to include provisions for some nuclear disarmament in her latest arms cuts proposals—but gave no details.

Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, told the five-nation U. N. Disarmament sub-committee this at its brief 40-minute session, conference sources said.

The present Soviet plan contains only provisions for reducing the world's conventional armaments and reduction of armed forces.

But it ignores nuclear disarmament, for which the West has severely criticised Russia.

Before and after today's sub-committee session Mr. Gromyko conferred privately for 90 minutes with Mr. Harold Stassen, chief United States delegate.—Reuter.

Sailed Pacific
On His Own

Manila, Apr. 26.

Florentino Das Inaripid, Filipino fisherman, landed safe and sound in his sailing boat, the Lady Timarau, in Sargao Island off north-eastern coast of Mindanao Island on Tuesday.

It was considered the first successful solo crossing of the Pacific.

A Philippine Navy ship steamed towards Sargao today to assist the sailing boat which developed engine trouble after the long journey from Hawaii. Das's odyssey began in Hawaii on May 14, 1955.—United Press.

BRITISH
GIFT
FOR B & K

London, Apr. 26.

The British Government has presented an official gift to Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev.

It is a gold and silver casket, bearing an inscription and decorated with a painting of the interior of the House of Commons.

The present is intended for all members of the Soviet Government.

Sir Anthony Eden and Lady Eden have presented personal gifts to the two Soviet leaders and their wives.

B & K have presented several gifts to British ministers, among them long-playing records of Russian music and films.

Sir Anthony Eden has received several gifts, including a painting of a Soviet steamer, a lacquer box bearing his own portrait, and an ink-stand in Russian style.

Lady Eden was given a mink stole.—France-Press.

'Eden To Visit
Moscow'

London, Apr. 26.

The Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden has agreed in principle to accept an invitation to visit Moscow, a well-informed source said tonight.

The invitation was made to Sir Anthony by Marshal Bulganin.

It is understood no date has been fixed for the visit.—France-Press.

No Warning On
Cigarettes—Yet

From Chapman Pincher

London, Apr. 26.

The British Cabinet has decided to defer any warning to the public about the danger of smoking for many cigarettes.

For these reasons:

1. Some ministers are not convinced by doctors' evidence that smoking is partly to blame for the rapid increase in lung cancer.
2. Treasury experts want to assess the possible effect of an official warning on tobacco sales which are expected to bring in revenue of more than £700 million this year.

Most medical advisers to the Health Minister are now satisfied that a connection between lung cancer and smoking exists.

Some doctors feel their professional reputations will suffer if they can't induce the Minister to take some action in warning the public.—London Express Service.

Tanker Order

Belfast, Apr. 26.

Sir Frederick Robb, Chairman and Managing Director of Harland & Wolff the Belfast shipbuilders, said today they had had to refuse an order from the United States for a 40,000-ton tanker. He said it was impossible for the firm to make a vessel of that size for reasonable delivery.—Reuter.



'I'll Run'
Decision
By Nixon

Washington, Apr. 26.

Mr. Richard Nixon announced today he would seek re-election as Vice-President in this year's elections.

Mr. Nixon made his announcement at the White House after conferring with President Eisenhower.

As soon as he had made the announcement the White House Press Secretary Mr. James Hagerty said: "The President has asked me to tell you gentlemen (the reporters) that he was delighted to hear of the Vice-President's decision."

Mr. Nixon told reporters: "I informed the President that in the event that the President and the delegates to the Republican National Convention reached the decision that it was their desire for me to serve as the nominee of the Republican Party for Vice-President that I would be honoured to accept that nomination again as I was and as I did, in 1952."

MISGIVINGS

The announcement ended weeks of speculation about whether Mr. Nixon would be the President's running mate again.

There had been speculation that Mr. Nixon might be dropped as a possible political liability in view of enemies he has made among top Democrats.

There have been misgivings about him too in some Republican quarters.

Mr. Eisenhower said several weeks ago, however, he would be happy to run on any ticket with Mr. Nixon, a Californian who rose rapidly through the House of Representatives and Senate to the Vice-Presidential nomination in 1952.—Reuter.

Tokyo Quake

Tokyo, Apr. 26.

An earthquake shook buildings for a minute in Tokyo tonight.—United Press.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE
TALKS SUCCESS

Beirut, Apr. 26.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, returned by air from Amman tonight, completing the major stages of his Middle East peace mission.

Observers said he had now obtained ceasefire agreements in principle from all Arab countries bordering on Israel and from the Jews, and that his mission to reduce tension along the Arab-Jewish borders could be regarded as successful.

A United Nations spokesman who arrived with Mr. Hammarskjöld said the Secretary-General considered the "whole field in his mandate had been covered" in his talks in Jordan and that "on all points conclusions had been reached."

LEBANON'S ASSURANCE

He added that Mr. Hammarskjöld expected to remain in Beirut until Saturday, when he was likely to fly to Cairo and later to Israel.

The Secretary-General is due to meet the Lebanese President, Mr. Candile Chamoun, tomorrow morning and is expected to dine tomorrow night with the Foreign Minister, Mr. Selim Lahoud.

The Lebanese Government is ready to give Mr. Hammarskjöld assurances that it will respect an unconditional ceasefire agreement across the Israeli border on the same lines as the agreements obtained for any other Arab states by the Secretary-General, reliable sources said here.

CEASEFIRE PLAN

According to a United Press cable from Cairo, the United Nations has proposed a joint Arab-Israeli patrol along all frontiers to help keep the armistice officials announced today.

A Government spokesman said Mr. Hammarskjöld had submitted to Egypt the draft of an agreement he wanted to negotiate between Israel and all the Arab states on Israel's borders.

The agreement calls for: ★ Joint Arab-Israeli patrols to supervise all frontiers, ★ UN observation posts in critical sectors along the borders.

★ An increase in UN truce supervisors along the frontiers.—Reuter and United Press.

Six Killed

Bonn, Apr. 26.

Six American soldiers were killed and eight seriously injured in a road accident today when an army truck, in which they were travelling, slid over a hair-pin bend and plunged over a precipice.—France-Press.

Going Back

Capetown, Apr. 26.

South Africa will return to the United Nations from which it withdrew in the last session, the Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Eric Louw, told Parliament today.—Reuter.

HK Imports:
No Change
In Policy

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Apr. 26.

The Minister of State to the Board of Trade, Mr. A. R. Low, referred to Hongkong in the House of Commons today when answering a question by Tory MP John Peyton.

He asked if the President of the Board of Trade would, in consultation with Commonwealth representatives, review the operation of the Ottawa trade agreements, particularly the rule permitting free entry of goods from the colonies into the United Kingdom.

Mr. Low refused emphatically to review the agreements when Mr. Peyton, in a supplementary question, suggested the agreements were made in circumstances different from those prevailing and should be re-examined in the light of present-day conditions.

Mr. Low said: "I think my friend is particularly concerned about duty-free entry from Hongkong. That, of course, isn't the result of any agreement but the result of a policy embodied in a statute."

New York, Apr. 26.

Seven children, left unattended, died in a fire at their home in Monroe County, Michigan, today.—United Press.

Six Arab Legion
Officers Arrested
UNREST IN JORDAN

Amman, Apr. 26.

A military spokesman said today six Arab Legion officers have been arrested but denied reports that the Legion's Commander, Lt-Col. Radi Inab was one.

He also said three people had been killed in a recent outbreak of inter-tribal warfare in Jordan.

The spokesman emphasised the Arab Legion officers were not arrested for political reasons. But he did not say why they were arrested.

Colonel Inab replaced the British Legion Commander, Gen. Sir John Bagot Glubb who was dismissed earlier this year by King Hussein. He is a Palestinian Arab who gained Jordanian citizenship when the late King Abdullah took over part of Palestine in the war with Israel.

Reports in London from Israel said that Inab had been arrested on Hussein's orders. They added that 13 people were killed in riots between Christian and Moslem tribes in the Madaba district.

The reports said the riots began on Sunday during anniversary ceremonies at the village church in Madaba.

The Jordanian spokesman said only three people were killed and "some" were wounded in the outbreak of tribal warfare, which he said was not caused by religious differences. The tribes were the El Ghimil and the El Ouzizat, he said.—United Press.

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GOP FEEL SURE OF IKE Could Beat Any Democrat Opposing Him

By Ralph Harris

Washington, Apr. 26.
Republican leaders today claimed that the Pennsylvania and Massachusetts primary results this week proved that President Eisenhower could defeat any Democrat opposing him in November's general election.

In particular, they interpreted the result in Pennsylvania where the President ran well ahead of the Democrats—demonstrating his continued capacity as a vote-getter despite the increasingly bitter personal attacks by his chief Democratic opponent, Mr. Adlai Stevenson.

Mr. Eisenhower's sustained popularity among the voters was generally seen as a most significant factor in primaries marked by a sudden change in the Democratic Party's tactics.

Now Clashing

Democrats were reluctant for a long time to criticize directly the soldier hero of World War II and one of the most popular Presidents in the United States history.

Now, they are directing their fire against the President in person and are clashing with him on such issues as farm policy and the failure of the Administration to prepare the United States for the battle of competitive co-existence with the Soviet Union.

For their part, Democrats claim substantial victories in this week's primaries.

While Republicans point out that President Eisenhower received more than 95 per cent of the Republican vote in Pennsylvania, Democrats counter by saying that Mr. Stevenson polled more than 94 per cent of the Democratic vote in the same state.

Lacked Significance

The American press generally agrees that President Eisenhower has again shown his enormous pulling power for the Republican Party.

But it is virtually unanimous in saying that the primaries prove very little else.

The New York Times said the Pennsylvania primary lacked real significance because there was only one candidate on each ticket — President Eisenhower for the Republicans, Mr. Stevenson for the Democrats.

It added that the Massachusetts primary lacked significance because the number of voters who expressed their preference "was so small as to be practically invisible."

Already Knew

The Washington Post's assessment was that this week's elections proved what everyone knew already—that Mr. Eisenhower was popular with many Republicans and that Mr. Stevenson was liked by many Democrats.—China Mail Special.

No Labour Apology For B. And K.

London, Apr. 26.

Labour members of Parliament tonight decided against apologising formally to Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Communist Party Secretary who went away angry from a Socialist Party dinner on Monday night.

At a meeting in the House of Commons they approved the line taken by their leader, Mr Hugh Gaitskell, who called on Mr Khrushchev this morning with other Labour Party leaders.

After hearing Mr Gaitskell report that he parted from the Soviet leader on cordial terms it was decided that no further action was necessary.

Request Rejected

The row at the dinner developed when some of those present disputed Mr Khrushchev's comments on Soviet and British foreign policy prior to World War One.

Subsequently he rejected a request by Mr Gaitskell to intercede on behalf of Social Democrats imprisoned in Communist countries.

At today's meeting, which took place at his hotel Mr Khrushchev again declined to intervene. But his talk with the Socialists helped to clear away some of the bad feeling which had lingered after the dinner.—Reuter.

Rita In London



Rita Hayworth, pictured at the Dorchester Hotel last week for colour tests and script conferences on her first British film "Fire Down Below."—United Press Photo.

Fishing Delegation In Moscow

Moscow, Apr. 26.

A seven-man advance party of the Japanese Government delegation to discuss the fisheries problem with the Soviet Union flew in here tonight from Stockholm.

The delegation which is to be led by the Japanese Agriculture Minister Mr Ichiro Kono was due here yesterday but the flight was postponed.

A Japanese Foreign Ministry official with the advance party said that Mr Kono might now arrive tomorrow.

NO REASON

The official said that he could make "no comment" on the reasons for the delay.

The advance party was met by officials of the Soviet Fishing Industry Ministry when they arrived in a Soviet aircraft. They were accompanied to the luxury Sovetskaya Hotel.

Tomorrow fifteen more Japanese officials are due.

It is considered here that the delegation, which is trying to avert Soviet restrictions on Pacific salmon fishing, will not be able to begin the talks before Saturday.

As the Soviet May Day holiday next week also calls for a three day shut down of Government offices, the negotiations are likely to be delayed.—Reuter.

Tried To Stage Own Death

Sao Paulo, Apr. 26.

Farmer Rafael Florio Filho's effort to kill himself in a fake road accident and collect heavy insurance on his life has been thwarted by doctors here.

When the 40-year-old farmer's car was found completely wrecked by fire on the highway an accident was suspected, and the burned bones inside were presumed to be his remains.

Suspensions were first aroused when police investigations showed that Florio had substantially increased the amount of the policies on his life quite recently.

But what finally put paid to his plan to defraud the insurance companies was the doctors' examination of the bones found in the car. They were found to be from the bodies of four different people who had been dead for about fifteen years.—China Mail Special.

PEN IS THE WORKER'S RIFLE

Vienna, Apr. 26.

Hungarians will in future build socialism with fountain pens, according to Bela Budapest, the Budapest Communist Party newspaper.

It carried an advertisement at a shop on the Marx Square in the Hungarian capital which read: "A good fountain pen is a rifle in the hands of the workers with which they build socialism."—China Mail Special.

Idol's Gold Umbrellas Stolen

Jaipur, Apr. 26.

Police are hunting for thieves who broke into a temple inside the palace of the Maharajah of Jaipur, and stole the idol's three gold umbrellas.

The temple is dedicated to the god Krishna whose diamond-studded image was untouched by the robbers.

Priests who came to perform the morning worship, however, found that a wooden box was missing with about £15,000 worth of jewellery, including three gold umbrellas, used to shield the statue of the god from the sun during processions.—China Mail Special.

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RUSSIA WOOLING GREECE

Athens, Apr. 26.

Russia has made fresh overtures for "closer" cultural relations to Greece through its Ambassador, Mr Michail Sergueyev.

Mr Sergueyev in a visit to Education Minister Mr Petros Leondis expressed the "wish for closer cultural relations between the two countries through the exchange of representatives of various social classes and especially of athletic teams."

He said that he was a fervent admirer of ancient Greek and Byzantine cultural achievement and believed that an exchange of scientists specialised in the study of Byzantine art was possible between Soviet Russia and Greece.

The Soviet Ambassador said that he was working on plans for an exchange scheme between the two countries to include representatives of the cultural, artistic and business world of Greece.—China Mail Special.

Underground Heating For Farmers

The Hague, Apr. 26.

Dutch market gardeners may no longer fear cold, frost and snow in winter as a result of an experiment in "heating the ground" tried out this winter.

The new heating system consists of wire netting, laid four inches to eight inches below the ground and connected through a transformer to a low voltage electrical current. About 100 market gardeners who tried the system this winter for forcing chrysanthemums reported complete success.

The invention is the result of five years' experiments at the Institute for Horticultural Technology. The method could also be used for heating roads, sports fields and other ground which it is essential to keep free of ice and snow.

The Institute claims that it has speeded up crops by the new system, which is cheaper to install and run than ordinary central heating.—China Mail Special.

★ Lively Election Expected In Burma ★

Rangoon, Apr. 26.

ARMED police guards will be posted at polling booths tomorrow when Burma votes for a new Chamber of Deputies (lower house).

Reports reaching Rangoon today said that four political workers in Arakan, West Burma, had been shot dead by villagers.

Lawlessness in many parts of Burma, where armed political groups are in open insurrection, has been the main election issue. All parties have promised to restore law and order.

Election officials today distributed steel ballot boxes and voting tokens as workers put

finishing touches to 238 polling booths in the nine Rangoon constituencies.

Four Cabinet Ministers, including the Premier, U Nu, are standing for re-election in Rangoon. All are expected to be returned with large majorities.

Some newspapers, however, predicted today that the Finance Minister U Tin faces a stiff fight and may be upset by U Aung Than, brother of the late General Aung San, wartime resistance leader who guided the country to independence.

U Aung Than is a staunch supporter of the Crypto-Communist Burma Workers and Peasants Party, part of the left-wing Opposition.

There are 548 candidates for the 204 lower house seats to be decided tomorrow. Polling has been postponed temporarily in 10 other constituencies because of disturbed conditions.

The Government party—the anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (APFLL)—has 36 candidates returned unopposed. The APFLL has put forward 190 candidates. The left-wing National Unity Front has 132 and the right-wing Burma Nationalist Bloc has 55. There are more than 160 independents.

U Nu's Government is expected to sweep back into power, although with a smaller majority than in the previous house when it had 222 of 250 seats.—Reuter.

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Algerian Rebels Step Up Terror Campaign

OBSERVERS FOR ATOM TESTS

Washington, Apr. 26. The United States Government has invited the British and Canadian Governments to send official observers to the forthcoming American atomic experiments in the Pacific, the Pentagon confirmed here today.

It was stated the invitations were issued in accordance with the bilateral atomic agreements which link respectively the United States and Canada, and Britain and the United States.

Under the terms of those agreements, made last summer, the signatory powers agreed to exchange "certain information" regarding the military uses of atomic energy.

NO OTHERS

It is believed that no other friendly nation has up to date been invited to send official observers to the Pacific tests despite the fact that 15 American journalists have been asked to attend and despite the precedent created last summer when the American authorities invited the NATO countries to send official observers to the atomic tests in the Nevada desert.

The forthcoming nuclear tests in the Pacific will begin early in May and will last for several months. During the test, the United States hopes to try out a series of nuclear weapons of a limited power and the dropping of a hydrogen bomb from a plane.—France-Press.

Deserters In Canal

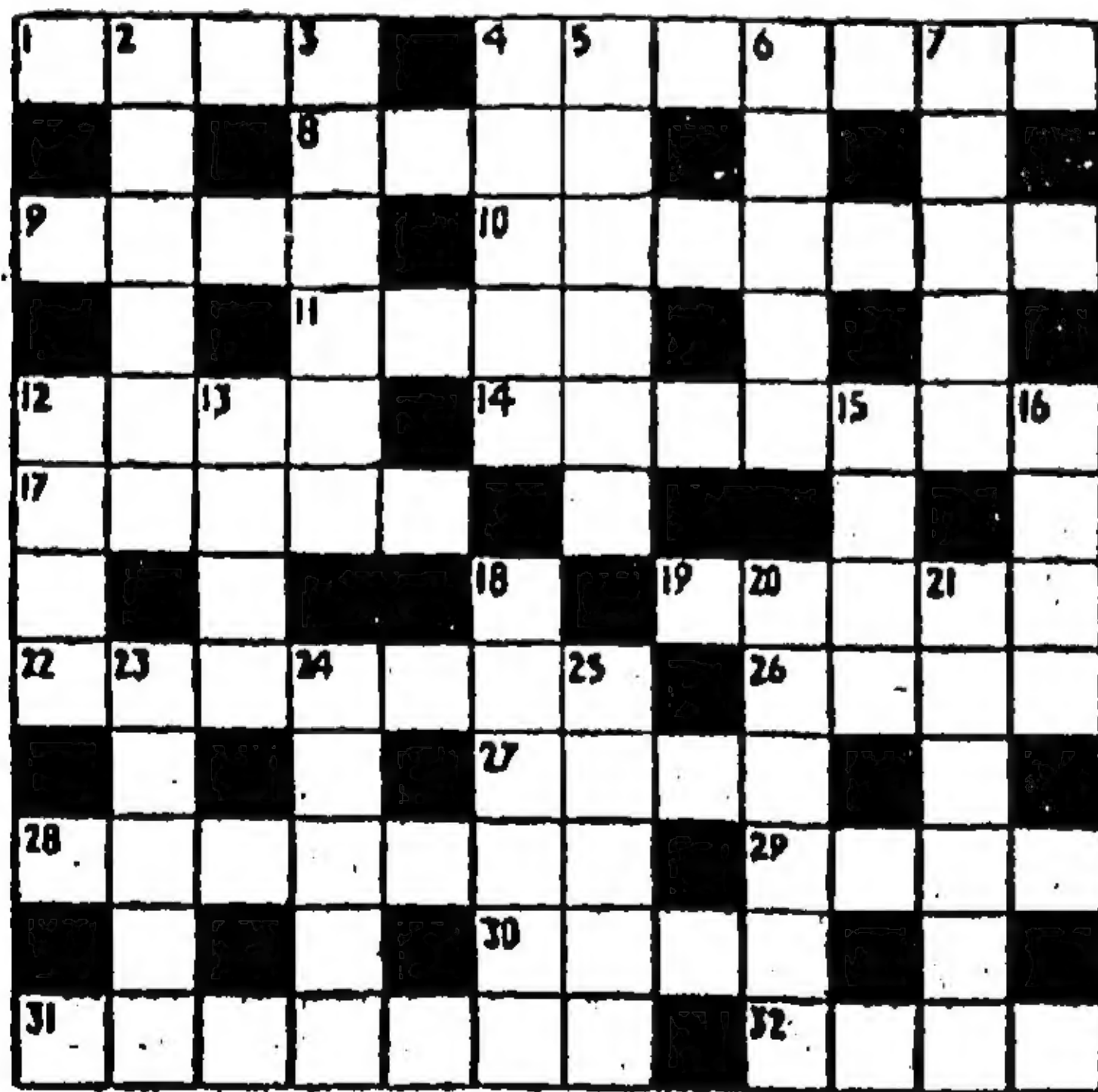
Port Said, Apr. 26. The Egyptian police were tonight searching for nine French Foreign Legionnaires who deserted by jumping into the Suez Canal from the ship carrying them towards Algeria.

Their desertion was reported to the Egyptian authorities, when the ship, the Norwegian vessel Skauvryn, docked at Port Said earlier today.

The Skauvryn, under charter to the French Government, as a troop transport, was bound for Olan from Indo-China.

All nine deserters were of German nationality.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Elevate (4).
 - 4 Storm (7).
 - 6 Highest point (4).
 - 9 Precious stone (4).
 - 10 Alka (7).
 - 11 Consumes (4).
 - 12 Stupefy (4).
 - 14 Alarm (7).
 - 17 American coins (5).
 - 19 Accumulate (5).
 - 22 Disturbance of the peace (7).
 - 23 Send out (4).
 - 24 Cleric (4).
 - 26 Began (7).
 - 28 Excavates (4).
 - 30 Shivering fit (4).
 - 31 Table support (7).
 - 32 Dejected (4).
- DOWN**
- 2 Ascribe (5).
 - 3 Special aptitude (5).
 - 4 Tries out (5).
 - 5 Is in being (5).
 - 6 Earlier (5).
 - 7 Slow mover (5).
 - 8 Bleemish (4).
 - 9 Trial (5).
 - 10 Unfasten (4).
 - 11 Slide (4).
 - 12 Compass point (4).
 - 13 Trial (5).
 - 14 Unmarried (5).
 - 15 Bury (5).
 - 16 Wearless (5).
 - 17 Marsh plant (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Admire, 5. Ready, 8. Amaze, 9. Bandit, 10. Vigil, 12. Late, 13. Hesitate, 16. Heated, 18. Needed, 20. Ewors, 22. Tend, 23. Riffs, 25. Broad, 26. Hinder, 27. Never, 28. Leads, 29. Render, Down: 1. Ambulate, 2. Monks, 3. Rain, 4. Entered, 5. Reversed, 6. Echidna, 7. Drill, 14. Harried, 15. Murderer, 19. Bolder, 17. Hooper, 19. Approx, 31. Worms, 32. Slice.

BELIEVED AIMED AT EUROPEANS

Algiers, Apr. 26.

Algerian rebels were reported to be stepping up their terror campaign against the civilian population and concentrating on Europeans.

Killings were reported from all parts of the country. More than 20 civilians were savagely murdered yesterday and in many cases atrocities were reported.

The mutilated bodies of two Frenchmen were found in a ravine at Aris. One of them, Georges Pompart, was the 20-year-old father of three children. The second was Jean Perez.

Dissolution Of International Communism

— NYE BEVAN

London, Apr. 26. Left-wing Labour Party leader Aneurin Bevan declared today that he was certain the world was now watching the dissolution of international Communist organizations and the abandonment of the idea of "world revolution."

In an article in the Independent Labour weekly, the Tribune, Mr. Bevan said that this did not mean that the Soviet no longer believed in the ultimate victory of Communist principles and ideals.

Mr. Bevan maintained that the Soviets were now trying to adjust their political and social strategy to two premises. These were the execution of war as a revolutionary concept and the stability of the Russian revolution, Bevan said.

The dissolution of the Cominform was a first step in this adjustment, Mr. Bevan added.—France-Press.

United Nations, Apr. 26. Outer Mongolia has asked to be admitted to the United Nations Economic Committee, for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE). It was announced here today.

The request was contained in a message addressed to the Chairman of the Economic and Social Council.

The Chairman, Mr. Engen, has replied saying that the request by Outer Mongolia will be considered at the Council's next meeting, which will be held in Geneva this summer.—France-Press.

about 40 years old, whose wife is expecting a baby.

In Philippeville, a European was shot in the back and a post office employee and his wife were murdered in Ravachol.

7,000 Troops

Meanwhile, French security forces reported that more than 50 rebels were killed during yesterday's operations.

The fiercest fighting was in the mountainous region of Ejsel, Bou Arif, 15 miles north of Batna in the south of the Constantine Department. Twenty rebels and one soldier were killed.

Throughout the Kabylie region, more than 7,000 French troops were in action yesterday. They were concentrating mainly in mopping-up operations, following the rebel reprisal massacres on loyal Moslem villages in the Sounnam valley.

Several rebels and one soldier were reported to have been killed.—France-Press.

UN Study

Meanwhile in New York the United Nations said today it was exploring the possibility of bringing the Algerian situation before the Security Council or convening a special session of the General Assembly to consider the matter.

The group met at UN headquarters today. Afterwards Mr. Abdul Hamid Aziz, of Afghanistan, chairman this month, made the following announcement: "The members of the Asian-African group met today to consider the sharp deterioration of the Algerian situation. It expressed its deep concern and indignation at the course of events which have developed into what is virtually a state of war waged against the Algerian people."

"The group is convinced that the United Nations cannot stand passively by in so ominous a situation and is urgently exploring the ways in which the United Nations can exercise its undoubted responsibilities in respect of this situation."—Reuter.

Machine Age Examinations

Wellington, Apr. 26.

To speed up the checking of school certificate examination papers, the New Zealand Education Department has installed a battery of machines.

With the huge growth of school certificate candidates over the years, the Department's examination section became sorely pressed in the examination periods.

Last year the pressure became so great that machines were called into service as an experiment. In the past they have had to rely on the services of inexperienced part-time staff to handle the examination papers, checking, rechecking, and recording.

For the 15,000 candidates in 1955, 80,000 separate marks had to be awarded. In 1956, there were only 8,300 candidates. By 1963, it is expected there will be 27,000 candidates.—China Mail Special.

SAUDI ARABIA, UK TALKS

London, Apr. 26.

Preliminary negotiations between Britain and Saudi Arabia with a view to re-establishing normal diplomatic relations between the two countries, will begin at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, shortly, the Foreign Office announced today.

These negotiations, at which the British Government will be represented by Mr. Douglas Dicks-Fraser, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, will be followed later by other discussions on all outstanding problems between the two powers.—France-Press.

World's Fastest Pilots Meet



The world's fastest pilot (unofficial) met the world's fastest pilot (official) recently. The men were British test pilot Peter Twiss, holder of the official record after hitting 1,132 mph in a Fairey Delta 2, and Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Yeager, who, unofficially, reached 1,650 mph in a rocket-boosted aircraft. Col Yeager, pictured left with Mr Twiss, had flown to London from Germany, where he is on operational service with the US Air Force, to give a talk to the Royal Aeronautical Society in London.—Express Photo.

Morocco Faces First Cabinet Crisis

MINISTER'S APPOINTMENT

Rabat, Apr. 26.

Sultan ben Youssef today named Mohammed Belafrej as Morocco's first Foreign Minister but the appointment threatened the young country with its first Cabinet crisis.

Belafrej is secretary-general of the ruling Istiqlal Party. Members of the Democratic Independence Party (PDI) met until 3 a.m. today pondering whether to resign from the Government if Belafrej were chosen.

PDI sources said the appointment of Belafrej upset the Cabinet and agreed upon last autumn of nine Istiqlal Ministers, six of the PDI and six neutrals.

Banned And Exiled

PDI leaders were in telephone contact today with the Minister of State, Mohammed Cherkaoui, who is attending French-Moroccan military negotiations in Paris.

Party sources said no decision would be taken without the consent of the Party chief, M. Ouzanni, who is now in Cairo.

Belafrej's entire life has been spent in battling for the independence of his country. He has been banned, exiled and jailed for his activities.

He was born in 1908 in Rabat and studied there, Paris and Cairo. He organized the Association of North African Moslem students in Paris in 1928, from 1930 to 1939 he travelled in France, Switzerland and Spain. He was barred from entering Morocco in 1937.

He contracted tuberculosis in the late thirties and spent much of his time, for health reasons, in Switzerland. But in October 1939, he returned to Tetouan, where he became known as an anti-France propagandist.

House Arrest

After the Allied invasion of North Africa, he was permitted to return to Morocco. But in January 1944 he was at the top of the list of signers of a declaration of independence, and ordered his arrest. It touched off demonstrations throughout Morocco.

He was placed under house arrest in Casablanca and then in Paris. He was permitted to return to Morocco in 1946.—United Press.

CANNIBALS HOLD BARBECUE

Conakry, (French Guinea), Apr. 26.

Two youthful tribesmen who barbecued a five-year-old girl and then ate her on the advice of a witch doctor, were sentenced here today to life in prison and ten years at hard labour.

The tribesmen, 27-year-old Yomoukou and 28-year-old Yemoukou, attempted to repudiate earlier confessions at today's hearings.

The police said the incident occurred in 1954 in an out of the way wooded area near the Ivory Coast, where voodooism and black magic still flourish.

Yang and Gue, acting on orders from a witchman, identified as Singabou, a witch doctor, kidnapped the daughter of one of them for the sacrifice.

Singabou, clad in a panther skin, beat the child to death with a ceremonial gourd. The three tribesmen then cooked the child and ate her on the spot.—France-Press.

Rare Violin Found

Chicago, Apr. 26.

A violin expert today said he believes he has found a rare violin made by Joseph Guarnerius and possibly worth between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

Carl Becker Sr. of Chicago, a violin repairman, said the violin, owned by a German-born Indianapolis farmer, has marks indicating it was made by Guarnerius about 1782 in Italy. Guarnerius is ranked with Stradivarius as a violin craftsman.—United Press.

'TUAPSE CASE CLOSED'

Washington, Apr. 26.

The United States regards as closed the case of the five Soviet seamen who returned to the Soviet Union this month after obtaining asylum in the United States, authoritative quarters said today.

These quarters said the State Department does not intend to take any further steps against members of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations.

This disclosure came just 24 hours after the United States had protested to the Soviet Union against the role played by the Soviet delegation in convincing the seamen that they should return home. The seamen obtained asylum after their Soviet tanker, the Tuapse, was intercepted by the Chinese Nationalist navy last year.

ONE LEFT

The United States also asked the Soviet Union yesterday to recall two members of the delegation because of their activities in the affair.

One of the delegates left the United States on April 7, the day the seamen left. The other delegate has been asked to leave the country as soon as possible.

A State Department spokesman declined today to comment on demands from Congressmen that the Soviet chief delegate, Arkady Sobolev, likewise should be recalled to the Soviet Union.—France-Press.

ALLEGED PERONISTS ARRESTED

Buenos Aires, Apr. 26.

Some 100 persons were arrested today in Cordoba Province, 600 miles northwest of Buenos Aires after the reported discovery of a subversive pro-Peronist movement. A provincial police communiqué announcing the arrests gave no explanation, but well-informed sources said a Peronist movement had planned an uprising for May Day eve, May 1 is a Peronist fête day.

Earlier reports said that exceptional security measures had been ordered in the province after the discovery of the movement. Guard posts equipped with automatic weapons had been set up at strategic points on Cordoba's main roads.—France-Press.

More Canadian Aid For Far East

Ottawa, Apr. 26.

The House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee was told today that four more Far Eastern countries would receive Colombo Plan help from Canada.

Mr. Jules Léger, Deputy External Affairs Minister, said about 2,000,000 dollars will be spent in modest projects in Burma, Indonesia, Malaya and Indo-China.

Canada's financial aid under the Colombo Plan for economic development in South and Southeast Asia has been limited so far to India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

The Government plans this year to contribute 34,400,000 dollars to the plan, an increase of 8,000,000 dollars over 1955. Of this total, 18,000,000 dollars will go to India—5,000,000 dollars toward cost of an atomic reactor—11,000,000 dollars to Pakistan, 2,000,000 dollars to Ceylon and 1,400,000 dollars toward technical assistance.—Reuter.

Roman Naval Base Located

Ravenna, Rome, Apr. 26.

Archaeologist Giuseppe Corbelli announced today he has discovered imposing remains of the ancient Roman naval base of Classe near Ravenna.

The main find was a circular wall, believed to be part of a tower which guarded the important base. The wall, three feet thick, consists of stones and cement sandwiched in between two layers of bricks. The wall forms a circle with a 25 foot diameter.

Some of the bricks are marked with the name of Emperor Antoninus Pius, who reigned from 138 to 161 AD but Corbelli warned they were probably taken from an earlier building. The wall lies opposite a large dock only to the fifth century AD, he said.—United Press.

Chinese Indicted In Illegal Entry Inquiry

San Francisco, Apr. 26.

The Federal Grand Jury yesterday indicted Fong Yin-toy, 59-year-old Chinatown cleaning establishment operator, and his 34-year-old alleged son, Yee Yat-been, on charges of tampering with Grand Jury witnesses.

The indictment charged Fong and Yee with attempting to influence Jonathan K. Yee and Joan Yow Yee when they appeared before the Grand Jury as witnesses in its continuing investigation of Chinese immigration irregularities.

The indictment charged the men with urging the witnesses to give "vague, evasive and false testimony."

Alleged Sons

The indictment yesterday was the sixth since April 13 when the Grand Jury indicted three persons for illegal-entry activities. On that date the Grand Jury indicted William W. Fong, 49-year-old Chinatown food distributor, his attractive and thrice widowed wife, Helen, 37, also known as Chin Bick-wah, and Fong's 58-year-old attorney Robert Leonard Levy.

The three were charged with having conspired to violate Immigration Laws in a plot to bring Mrs Fong to the US as another man's wife.

On April 18, the Grand Jury indicted Fong Yin-toy for false statements to immigration officials. He was specifically charged with making statements regarding his identity of his two alleged sons, Yee Yat-been and Jonathan Yee. The indictment at that time charged that Fong illegally entered the United States in 1914 by the use of a false identity and that since that time he in turn created eight fictitious "immigration slots" falsely claiming he fathered seven sons and one daughter in China.

HK Inquiry

Assistant US Attorney James Schnake said the racket worked by having someone in the United States falsely claim that he fathered a child during a trip to China, thus creating a "slot" which would enable Chinese to immigrate as a citizen by birthright.

The Grand Jury's investigation has been continuing over a two-month period. State Department agents are still investigating the Chinese aspect of the case in Hongkong.

Representatives of the US Attorney's Office in San Francisco are expected to leave for Hongkong within the next month to interview witnesses and possibly to escort them to San Francisco where they will appear to give testimony against the defendants.—United Press.

KRUGER'S BURIED TREASURE?

Natal, Apr. 26.

The belief that several thousand gold Kruger sovereigns lie buried somewhere on President Kruger's old farm, "Waterkloof" and "Bokkarafontein", in the Rustenburg district, was given some credence recently when during a ploughing operation on "Waterkloof" an African found a Kruger sovereign minted in 1890.

The coin was found to be a rare type of Kruger sovereign as it bore the double shaft ox wagon of the Transvaal Republic coat of arms.

A limited number of these sovereigns was minted in Germany in 1890, and the design was a mistake made by the German mint which was doing the work on contract for the old Transvaal Republic.

Now the story that thousands more sovereigns are buried in the area has been given a new lease of life among residents of the district.—China Mail Special.

STAR'S SON RELEASED

Hollywood, Apr. 26.

Edward G. Robinson Jr., 22, son of the stage and screen star famed for his "tough guy" roles, was released from Cedars of Lebanon Hospital yesterday, a little more than 24 hours after he was taken there for treatment of an overdose of sleeping pills.

Police listed the case as an apparent suicide attempt after rushing Robinson to emergency hospital to have his stomach pumped. The youth blamed a lover's quarrel with a new girl friend but said he merely meant to impress her and did not actually intend to kill himself.—United Press.

STALINLESS MAY DAY

Moscow, Apr. 26.

Stalin's photograph will be missing from the decorations now going up in Moscow in readiness for May Day celebrations. Instead, slogans from the Soviet Communist Party's 20th Congress are already installed alongside portraits of Lenin, in the place of honour he shared with Stalin up to last year.

But portraits of living Soviet leaders, once a feature of the May Day street decorations, are also far less numerous this year.

So far only one group of portraits of the members of the Politburo of the Supreme Soviet has appeared, on the facade of the Lenin Library.—France-Press.

Brides Only £8 In New Britain

Suva, Apr. 26.

A bride in the New Hebrides group of islands in the Pacific costs £100 sterling, an island chief, Kalsauti, told the South Pacific Commission here today.

When the Papuan delegate, Miss Hildegarde Nalme, said that one custom in New Britain was to pay £8 sterling for a bride, Kalsauti commented: "It would be a good thing if a few New Britain women came to my island."

At the conference, which opened on Monday, more than 70 delegates are discussing the welfare and progress of more than three million inhabitants of 18 territories covering hundreds of islands and atolls scattered over 13 million square miles of the Pacific.

The conference, which was discussing a paper on the arts, customs and culture of people in the South Pacific, was told today that the change from typical Fijian to European and Asiatic ways of life was "rapid." It recommended that the establishment of coconut and copra plantations in the Pacific should be treated as a matter of urgency, to compete with world markets.—China Mail Special.

CANNES FILM WALK OUT

Cannes, Apr. 26.

"Moral Heritage", the first of India's two main entries in the Cannes international film festival competition, disappointed at the audience of critics, journalists and technicians at its showing today.

The picture, directed by Sadashiv J. Row Kavi, was so poorly received that many in the audience walked out before it was over, an unusual occurrence in Cannes.

It is a story about Indian family life in which three brothers quarrel over their father's inheritance, neglecting their only sister.

India's other big entry is "Father Parvati", which will be shown on May 7 and is reported to be of possible prize quality.—France-Press.

Immoral Knives

Djakarta, Apr. 26.

Police at Palembang have confiscated a large number of pocket knives decorated with nude pictures.

A police spokesman said the knives were "immoral." He said many lighters and bridge cards also bearing nude pictures were circulating in the town.—China Mail Special.

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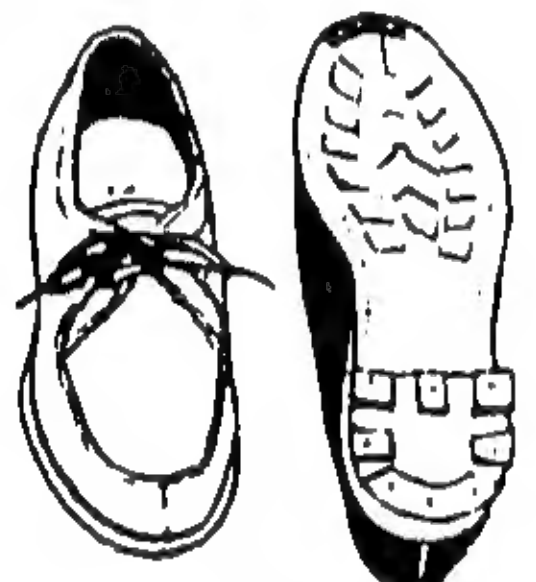
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GLAD HAND

SOVIET SLAVE LABOUR:

THE DEGRADATION OF AN IDEAL

By Raymond Postgate

IMEDIATELY after the civil war in Russia, while Lenin was still alive and the Revolution was in its nobler phase, I and many others were called on to admire — and did — a project called the White Sea-to-Volga Canal. This was, of course, a most valuable and estimable project, but the reason for our admiration was a particular one — that it was to be dug and constructed by convict labour.

This labour would be directed by the police, then called the Cheka, which had been effective in stamping out counter-revolutionary activity. Perhaps the proposal to rehabilitate criminals by setting them to useful work was not so new as the Russians believed, but it would be quite unfair to dismiss the project as a mere scheme to exploit the prisoners. The Revolution had been accompanied by the most frightful atrocities and massacres on both sides, and the substitution of organised labour under tolerable prison conditions for anarchy and bloodshed was a great advance. Moreover, it would be good for the Chekists themselves to change — partially anyway — from fierce half-soldiers, with their hands always on their revolver butts, into the organisers of productive work for the community.

In short, the plan was, in the circumstances of the day, an honourable and sensible one. No one could see that it would flower into one of the most enormous organisations of slave labour the world has ever known, and that the Cheka, so far from softening, would become a larger and more professional corps of slave-drivers than has ever been recorded in history.

Its name has been changed at least three times since — to OGPU, NKVD and MVD — and with each change its character has altered and become more institutional. Now it controls many millions (how many, is not known) in slave camps, and the labour of its convicts is an important part of the Soviet economy. Without the produce of these camps much of the wilder and less habitable parts of Asiatic Russia would still be desolate, with consequent heavy loss to the State.

The Canal was, indeed, the harbinger of a "new form of society", but it was not the one that we imagined. This is the essential fact to bear in mind when we assess the news that has recently been filtering through from these camps. This news, in any case, is imperfect and unreliable, like the news from concentration camps during the war, and for the same reason — that, despite their pretence, the controllers of these camps are ashamed of them.

A foundation member of the British Communist Party, and editor in 1922 of its official organ, Raymond Postgate left the party in 1923 because he disapproved of its tactics and policy.

But it seems clear that the inhabitants of the camps fall into three main categories. The first is that of common criminals, which requires no special commentary. The second is a small elite of thugs, who are given various names, one of which is "blatnye," and whose existence has been vouched for by too many people for it to be doubted. The "blatnye" are experts with the knife, carry on murderous gang warfare, rob and terrorise prisoners, and never work. The warders, in fact, are afraid of them.

The third category consists of what we should call political prisoners, who in the Soviet

When the Soviet Communists announced their intention to rehabilitate criminals by setting them to useful work (the construction of the White Sea-to-Volga Canal was the earliest and perhaps most publicised example) the idea found favour in many parts of the world. At that time, as Postgate points out, no one could foresee that the plan would "flower into one of the most enormous organisations of slave labour the world has ever known."

Union, however, are treated no better than others nowadays (and often worse). These again fall into two divisions: the first genuine "politicals" who are either devoted to the principles of the Communist revolution and refused to accept the Stalinist tyranny, or Socialists or followers of some other doctrine; the second, members of the nationalities which Soviet imperialism needs to suppress. The most frequent of the latter are Letts, Lithuanians, Czechs, Estonians, Ukrainians, Volga Germans and Ukrainians.

All these, with the exception of the second class, have been forced to work almost un-

not work very well. The "humanising influence" was that of the MVD accountancy department.

On release from the camps, prisoners are often sent to "forced settlements." Here the victim is supposed to be free and is paid wages, but he cannot leave either his settlement or his work without permission, which is very rarely granted; nor does his conditions of life or of food allow him to live much above the convict standard. But the change is just enough to prevent the "settlers" from dying like flies.

Fairly full information is available on twelve of these settlements: Aktyubinsk, Karamay, Krasnoyarsk, Kansk, Yartsevo, Abex, Inta, Uchta, Vorkuta, Ekibastuz-Ugol, Yenikiev and Tomsk.

This relaxation has, however, had one unforeseen result which is among the more encouraging items in a dismal story. The prisoners can talk to each other more freely, contact being made easier by the official habit of sending masses of them in gangs, without warning or consideration, to work about the Soviet Union, and from about the Soviet Union, and there are the beginnings of what might be called a political opposition.

An Austrian prisoner, Karl Fischer, who has been in Magadan, Katchen and Karaganda last winter told several French audiences of a rough programme which had been evolved. It had six points: 1. The return of factories to the workers' control; 2. The return of the land to the peasants; 3. Free elections; 4. Dissolution of the secret police; 5. Disarmament; 6. The opening of frontiers to the West. It is too soon to attach much importance to this. But if any such voice should be heard from the chancelleries is a consolation.

BAHAMIAN PARADISE PLAN

From CHRISTOPHER DOBSON

AMERICAN big business men are gambling on a boom for the no-income-tax, no-death-duties Bahamian paradise.

A plan is announced for the island's largest real estate venture by Lindsey Hopkins Junior and the Carl G. Fisher Corporation. Hopkins is a director of Coca Cola and Sperry Rand. The Fisher Company were the original developers of that millionaire's playground, Miami Beach.

The plan is for a multi-million dollar club and residential development, a few minutes' drive from Nassau, capital of the Bahamas. It is expected that the first three million dollars' worth of

work will be completed early next year.

This follows the purchase for £450,000 of 2,500 acres at Lyford Cay, 13 miles from Nassau, by Edward Taylor, a Toronto financier. And there are many others riding in on this Bahamian boom.

American Wallace Groves is moving heavy equipment into Grand Bahama Island to build a port, called Freeport.

Groves plans shipyards and light industries, hoping the tax reliefs will, dazzle foreign investors. Axel Wenner-Gren has just built a new wing on to his exclusive club on Andros Island. William Price, who runs stockyards in Chicago, has a cattle project for Eleuthera Island.

A group of Connecticut businessmen are developing another 1,400-acre bay. They are all banking on the perfect climate, fishing beaches and the colourful setting to bring a tremendous influx of tourists.

And it looks as if their gamble will pay off. During January and February there were 10 percent more tourists than in the same months last year. Holiday-makers have more than tripled in six years. There was a \$5,000,000 deficit six years ago. Last year there was a \$2,200,000 profit.

Tax concessions for businesses going to Freeport include a 30-year exemption from income tax, capital gains tax, real estate tax and personal property tax. Also a 99-year exemption from excise taxes, stamp taxes, and customs duties on imports (except those for personal consumption).

THERE'S NO LET-UP FOR THE LORD MAYOR

THE MAN WHO WORKS A 14-HOUR DAY IS SO BUSY EVEN A HAIRCUT NEEDS PRECISE PLANNING

By WILLIAM ROLAND

AT the Mansion House the dignified hall porter admits you to a pleasant room with a cheerful fire, and shuts the front door on the traffic. There is only the sound of an old clock sedately ticking. One might be in one of the stately homes of England.

In his home-for-a-year the Lord Mayor, Alderman Cuthbert Ackroyd, is in his bathroom shaving — and wondering whether he can possibly find time during the day to get his hair cut.

Miss Norah Hackney, one of whose jobs is to prepare the "hymn sheet" (the weekly list of engagements) says: "I arrive at 9.30 a.m. and after that life is one terrific whirl."

After joining the mayoral entourage for 14 hours, I see what she means. In his "den" — the cream- and gold Venetian Parlour — the Lord Mayor has just time to glance at his morning mail before going to the Old Bailey to open the new sessions as Chief Magistrate.

It is a mixed bag. Cheques for the Bow Belts appeal — very near his heart; a plastic paperweight from the mayor of Los Angeles; a letter marked Foreign Office; by contrast, one from a man in Brooklyn, N.Y., asking "Please can you find me a wife?" a bulky missive marked Dale Carnegie Course on Public Speaking ("Perhaps I ought to open that" — but the Lord Mayor didn't).

The clock says five. Foreign guests arrive. The Burgomasters of the Ruhr have an hour's interview.

The first of a series of quick changes. (Albert the footman says sometimes there is only four minutes.)

"Old Bailey" dress is a Queen Anne period court jacket bedecked with lace, black trousers, scarlet gown, the gold colour of S.S. (one of the oldest chains in English chivalry) and the badge, sparkling with diamonds.

Back at the Mansion House Albert discovers that the scarlet gown has been torn. Luckily it will not be used again today.

Gowns vary. There is the State black-and-gold robe (worth hundreds, Albert says), the earl-type red velvet and ermine, the scarlet, and finally the violet.

If there are to be children at a function the Lord Mayor sometimes puts on a "higher" gown than the occasion may warrant.

Two hours of a meeting of the Corporation "inner special committee." Weighty decisions — and the front hall clock ticks inexorably on to five to one.

FAMILY LUNCH

While others lunch the City Fathers meet. At the Court of Aldermen (one of the most exclusive in the world, but the public may go in) the business is formal, the pomp impressive.

Colonel Hulme Taylor, the City Marshal, has to put on a wig ("The first time I've worn one") to deputise for the Common Crier, who is recovering from a fall. We crowd into the Lord Mayor's car.

"Mind the maces," says Colonel Hulme Taylor. It rests on my feet.

That takes care of the morning.

Lunch in the private dining-room is usually no time to relax. Most days there are distinguished guests — ambassadors, prelates, statesmen and overseas visitors.

(The sitting Alderman in the Justice Room, which is part of

the Mansion House and has its own prison cells, often stays to lunch if he has cases in the afternoon.)

Today was family lunch — fish, boiled chicken and ham, and wonderful coffee. An after-lunch nap? Not possible.

CAKE-NIBBLING

People are already being ushered in for a Mission meeting (morning coat and badge, the "hymn sheet" says).

The Lord Mayor must make a speech, a drawing-room jest or two. There is tea-drinking, cake-nibbling and pleasant conversation.

The guests seem fascinated by the ornate badges of the two Sheriffs — faithful attendants on the Lord Mayor.

QUICK-CHANGE

The first of a series of quick changes. (Albert the footman says sometimes there is only four minutes.)

"Old Bailey" dress is a Queen Anne period court jacket bedecked with lace, black trousers, scarlet gown, the gold colour of S.S. (one of the oldest chains in English chivalry) and the badge, sparkling with diamonds.

Back at the Mansion House Albert discovers that the scarlet gown has been torn. Luckily it will not be used again today.

Gowns vary. There is the State black-and-gold robe (worth hundreds, Albert says), the earl-type red velvet and ermine, the scarlet, and finally the violet.

If there are to be children at a function the Lord Mayor sometimes puts on a "higher" gown than the occasion may warrant.

Two hours of a meeting of the Corporation "inner special committee." Weighty decisions — and the front hall clock ticks inexorably on to five to one.

ON TO BRITTON

Another set of distinguished guests, more pleasant chat, another speech to make and SEVEN to listen to. Then on to Britton Town Hall, where the Lord Mayor dances with the Mayoress and makes his last speech of the day.

A midnight cup of tea at home with the Lady Mayoress.

And so the day ends. Albert says it was an easy one compared with some.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

NEW QUOTAS FOR IRANIAN IMPORT TRADE

Currency Regulations

Set By Teheran

London, Apr. 26.

New quotas for the Iranian import trade together with new regulations for currency transactions, have been announced in Teheran, according to advices received at the Iranian Embassy here.

Commercial imports will in future come under two categories: essential and non-essential goods. According to the new regulations, essential imports will be limited to 4,000 million rials annually. Separate quotas are established for each individual non-essential import and a list of these is being published. Imports are expected to be lodged with the Iranian Embassy here in the near future.

It is understood that the National Bank of Iran will grant letters of credit and other documents for imports of these goods within the limit of the quota and according to the availability of foreign exchange.

New Footing

Foreign exchange dealings are being put on a new footing. Instead of the official rate which the Government paid for its requirements and a free commercial rate, a buyers and sellers rate for foreign exchange transactions on commercial account has now been established. All exports fall within one category and the foreign exchange rate for these is 75 rials to the dollar and 210 to the pound sterling.

Importers currency requirements are being dealt with in two categories. For the bulk of the trade, the rate at which importers can buy currency has been fixed at 70.50 rials to the

dollar and 214 to the pound sterling. Goods from countries which are not linked directly with the Iranian currency through the National Bank of Iran may be imported to the value of Iranian exports to these countries. Barter deals such as these will come out of the quota for the imports concerned.

As no transfers of foreign exchange will be effected, the Iranian Bank will accept proof of actual import as proof that foreign exchange undertakings have been fulfilled. It was stated.

The number of banks authorised to deal in foreign exchange has been increased. Instead of the monopoly of the Iranian National Bank in this field, two commercial banks (the Bank Bahazgan and the Bank Sepah) have been authorised to start dealing during March, and a third commercial bank (the Bank Pars) is being authorised this month.

Based On Difference

It is understood that the new laws prohibit the export of certain goods including platinum, gold and silver (except in the form of jewellery), precious stones (with certain exceptions), livestock and meat, grains and their derivatives (except maize), butter and animal fat (other than bacon), charcoal, raw cotton and raw jute, metals (except metal goods where labour presents 70 per cent of value), scrap metal and cotton seeds.

Other exports which come under Government monopoly include tobacco, petroleum products, timber, furs and skins, and various other goods.

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London Tributes To Sir Robert Ho Tung

London, Apr. 26.

Tribute was paid today to Sir Robert Ho Tung by his many friends and business associates in London.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, has sent a personal message to Sir Robert's family, the Colonial Office said.

Sir Mark Young, former Governor of Hongkong, said he was deeply sorry to hear of the death of a very distinguished citizen of Hongkong and a great benefactor.

"He will long be remembered as a Grand Old Man and a very lovable one," Sir Mark said.

WONDERFUL MAN

Sir Arthur Moore, now chairman of the British Travel and Holiday Association, said: "I have known Sir Robert for 41 years. He has been a very wonderful man in his time and I am sure Hongkong will miss him very much."

"I deeply regret his death," Mr W. J. Kewick of J. H. Matheson and Company said. "Sir Robert has been associated with his firm and family for three generations."

"He was truly the Grand Old Man of Hongkong," Mr Kewick said. "Sir Robert was great in wealth and in experience. He'll be greatly missed."

LIES IN STATE

The late Sir Robert Ho Tung lay in state this morning in the sitting room of his Seymour Road residence, "Idlewild". A stream of people started calling from the early hours of the morning to pay their respects to the Colony's most eminent and respected citizen. In attendance were Sir Robert's eldest son, Mr E. S. K. Ho Tung, and other children and grand-children.

Flags were flown at half-mast at the Prince and Princess Theatre, the University of Hongkong, Messrs Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Among those who called at Idlewild today were The Hon. and Mrs. B. C. K. Hsiao, the Hon. D. J. S. Crozier, Mr B. C. Lung, Chairman and Director of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals; Messrs Wang Chuk-shun and Fung Kam-chung (Tung Wah Directors); Mr Bun-tan Tong, Director of the Po Leung Kuk; Mr C. Y. Kwai, Mr U. Tai-choi; Mr Kan Tung-po, manager of the Bank of East Asia; Mr Fung Ping-fan, Mr T. O. Tsoi, Mr Hin-shing Lo; the Hon. Kwok Chan; the Hon. M.

Queries At Dairy Farm Mtg

A plea for a larger say for shareholders in the management of the Dairy Farm, Ice, and Cold Storage Co., was made at the company's annual meeting at Windsor House this morning.

Mr P. Loureiro rose after the chairman's statement to ask five questions about the conduct of the company's business. In the first question he demanded information about the company's sale of property in Nathan Road.

The chairman, the Hon. S. N. Chan, refused to give this information on the grounds of "trade secrets".

Mr Loureiro pointed out that the information could be obtained by any member of the public from the Crown Lands Office and asked why it should be released to the public and kept secret from shareholders.

He then asked that his question be recorded in the minutes "and not deleted as usual by the Secretary".

The chairman replied: "There is no obligation to record."

OTHER QUESTIONS
Further questions included references to the purchase of the "Daisy Brand" trade mark for a sum of \$129,500. It was pointed out that although the name was not tangible, tangible assets had already accrued to the company from the purchase.

Loss due to too large stocks of meat: the chairman replied, "As stated we had to take over large stocks held by Government. Otherwise we would never have been able to get into the meat business."

Self-service: the chairman stated that money laid out on the establishment of self-service stores was a recognised business experiment and that he was unable to forecast the future and report on it in advance.

In his final question Mr Loureiro said, on the payment of bonuses to staff by the Directors. "When business falls off the shareholders are the first to suffer. When it comes to the question of a bonus, shareholders should be the first to be consulted."

Mr Chan replied that Directors were servants of the company, not of the shareholders. They had not exceeded their power, he said, and if shareholders wished, they could "kick them out."

REPORT ADOPTED
The chairman said that since the publication of his circulated statement there had been no new developments and he proposed to take them as read.

The report and accounts were seconded by Mr G. T. Tagg who said: "I am sure you will agree that the Chairman and Board of Directors are to be congratulated that under their able management the condition of the Company's finances continues to be maintained."

Directors present included Mr G. Milne and Mr E. J. Cowell (Joint Managing Directors); Mr G. E. Marden, Mr J. D. Clague, Mr E. F. Watts, Mr G. M. Goldsack and Mr A. A. Bremner (Secretary).

Petty Officer Receives Medal



Commander B. G. O'Neill, DSC, RN, presenting the Long Service and Good Conduct medal to Petty Officer J. Hooper, DSM, of HMS Tamar this morning. —Staff Photographer.

Three Injured In Road Accidents

At about 4.50 p.m. yesterday, a public vehicle, travelling from west to east, collided with an eleven-year-old Chinese boy who was crossing Jaffe Road, near the Golden City cinema.

The boy — Chon Kam-wing of 85, Hennessy Road, 1st floor — sustained head injuries and was treated at hospital but was not detained.

A Chinese woman and a boy were knocked down by a private motor car at 7.15 p.m. yesterday as they were crossing Nathan Road, near its junction with Shantung Street.

The woman sustained leg injuries and is detained in hospital. The boy, who was slightly hurt, was treated in hospital but was not detained.

On Establishment

H.E. the Governor has approved confirmation of the following to the permanent and pensionable establishment, it was announced in the Government Gazette today:

Dr Wong Kwong-leung (Medical Officer), Mr Chow Nai-yeung (Senior Programme Assistant), Dr R. J. Barnes (Medical Officer), Dr Z. Lett (Anaesthetic Specialist), Dr E. N. F. Browne (Medical Officer), Miss M. E. Kingston (Education Officer, Woman), Mr J. C. McRobert (Crown Counsel), Mr G. L. V. Hooton (Education Officer), Mr C. T. Kell (Education Officer), Miss I. M. Ord (Nursing Sister).

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"If you've got such a hangover, why don't you do those calisthenics that used to pep you up when you were in the navy?"

Appeal By Merchant And Solicitor's Clerk

A solicitor's clerk and a merchant this morning brought an appeal before Mr Justice C. W. Reece against a Magistrate's conviction for conspiracy to defeat the course of public justice.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada Q.C., who with Mr Patrick Yu (instructed by Mr L. J. d'Almada Remedios) is representing the appellants, said that they had been charged with conspiring to commit what was no offence in law.

The appellants were, Cheung Yan-kwei, 50, merchant, of 347 Prince Edward Road, and Cheung Li-cho, solicitor's clerk of M. A. da Silva.

They are appealing against a conviction by Mr T. Creedon of Kowloon of conspiracy to defeat the ends of public justice on December 6 last year at Kowloon City Police Station. The second appellant, the clerk, was charged with having wilfully received a bottle containing 43 cc of morphine solution from the first appellant, knowing that the latter was about to be charged with an offence under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance. The first appellant was sentenced to nine months and the second to six months on February 3.

Mr d'Almada said that the first appellant's defence was raised by the Police last November 28 and certain articles, deemed to be dangerous drugs, were seized and the first appellant was arrested. Pending analysis of the seizure by the Government chemist, the first appellant was released on \$10,000 bail.

After the chemist's certificate was received the Police asked the first appellant's solicitors to take him to the Police Station to be charged with possession of dangerous drugs.

The first appellant accompanied by the second appellant presented themselves at Kowloon City Police Station on December 6 last year. The Police informed them that the articles seized were certified to be dangerous drugs, that the bail money would be returned to the first appellant and he was to be placed in custody and brought before the Court the next morning.

The appellants were asked to wait in Inspector Hung's office for the arrival of the first appellant's wife to receive the bail money.

MATERIAL DATES
Mr d'Almada said that the dates were material, because on November 28 the crime was possession of unlawful drugs, per se, and a conspiracy. That crime was discovered by the Police that day and it was in respect of these two offences that the first appellant was brought to Kowloon City Police Station with a view of being charged.

Counsel said that while the two appellants were in Inspector Hung's office a police officer in the room saw the first appellant pass over something to the second appellant which was later found to be a bottle containing 43 cc of a solution of morphine. When this was later second appellant he was charged with unlawful possession of that found in the possession of the drug. He was convicted and fined and two appellants were charged with conspiracy.

Mr d'Almada's submission, in that conspiracy charge was that it disclosed no offence at all.

He said that the evidence of the prosecution quite clearly appeared to have been to charge the two persons with a conspiracy, not to conceal the morphine per se, but to conceal it in relation to an offence with which the first appellant was to be charged.

NO MEETING OF MINDS
A conspiracy to do an unlawful act was an offence, said Counsel, and a conspiracy amounted to this — that the minds of two or more persons met to do this particular act. If it was the intention of the prosecution to lay a charge of that nature, they certainly did not carry it out by the charges formulated, because read it how one would, the offence laid there was a conspiracy to conspire, in other words, an agreement to agree, and even in civil law that gave rise to no action on a contract because there was no consent — there was no meeting of minds.

Assuming that the evidence proved an agreement to come to an agreement, that would still constitute no offence known to the law, because it was an offence that two persons should discuss question of whether or not they should enter into a conspiracy, so long as there was no evidence that they did conspire, Mr d'Almada said.

He argued that in such circumstances he had outlined and in the charge as laid for persons were charged and convicted of an agreement which was not an agreement. That being

Ship's Guard On Drugs Charge

Hearing of the case against Ho Tung, a guard on board the ss Falshan, charged with possession of dangerous drugs, opened before Judge K. R. Macfarlane, at the Victoria District Court this morning.

The defendant pleaded not guilty through his counsel Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Peter Macfarlane Company. Inspector K. Bodie is prosecuting assisted by Revenue Inspector A. Neish.

In outlining the facts of the case, Inspector Bodie said, that on March 17 a party of Revenue Officers under Revenue Officer Watson boarded the Falshan off Green Island. The vessel berthed at the Yuen On Wharf at 9.50 a.m. and at 10 a.m. the party carried out a search of the ship.

Inspector Bodie said, that one of the party, Revenue Officer Chan Siu-hung, proceeded to the lower deck where he saw the defendant come out of the crew's quarters carrying a bottle of brandy. Chan, Inspector Bodie said, then asked the defendant whether he had anything to declare, to which the defendant is said to have answered, "Here is a bottle of brandy."

RAN AWAY
Inspector Bodie said the Officer then asked the defendant whether he had anything to declare on his person to which the defendant answered, "Nothing, only a few cigarettes."

Inspector Bodie then said that when Chan was about to search the defendant, he turned and ran towards the lower deck exit. The officer gave chase and arrested defendant a few yards from the crew's quarters. He then searched the defendant in Inspector Watson's presence and found two brown paper packets which were hidden in his waist band. When asked what was inside, the defendant said the packets contained cigarettes.

The packets were later taken to the Government Chemist and the contents were found to be 18 capsules of heroin.

Hearing is continuing.

COUPLE ROBBED

At 11.10 p.m. yesterday, two men accosted a Chinese couple at a hillside near Siu Lai Wan, Shamshuip District, and stole from them two wristlet watches.

One of the watches has since been recovered.

PORT WELFARE

Mr J. Cater has been appointed a Member of the Port Welfare Committee by H.E. the Governor, vice Mr D. R. W. Alexander, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Radio Surveyor

H.K. the Governor has appointed Mr C. S. Yow to be a Government Radio Surveyor for the purposes of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Asst Secretary

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr Mok Tak-yeung to be an Assistant Secretary to the Urban Council, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Today's Gazetted Appointments

H.E. the Governor has appointed Miss Betty Kathleen Scarle, Barrister-at-Law, to be a Permanent Magistrate as from April 24. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

It was also announced that Mr James Wicks, District Judge, has ceased to act as Public Judge on the resumption of duty by Mr Justice C. W. Reece.

Other appointments gazetted were: Mr R. J. Capern to be Briefing Officer, Civil Aviation Department; Messrs M. C. Yau, P. B. Allam and J. B. Nicholl to be Inspectors of Works, Class 1, Public Works Department; Mr W. T. Bushell to be Clerk of Works, Class 1, Public Works Department; Mr P. D. A. Chidell to be Acting Commissioner of Inland Revenue during the absence of Mr W. F. Watson; Mr N. F. Fahy to be Acting Commissioner of Inland Revenue, vice Mr Chidell; Mr T. D. Sorby to be Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry; Mr J. C. McRobert to be Acting Senior Crown Counsel, vice Mr G. R. Sneath.

Mr L. C. H. Griffiths, Master (Technical), has resumed his duties on returning from leave, vice Mr Cho Tuck-choon, Assistant Education Officer.

Annual Meeting

The 29th annual general meeting of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association will be held on Monday, April 30, at 5.30 p.m. in Cafe de Chine, China Building, 40th floor.

Mr Yeung Wing-hong, the President, will preside over the meeting. Mr Cheung Wing-in, the Hon. Secretary, will present his annual report for the past year and Mr Lau Yat-ming, the Hon. Treasurer, will present the statement of accounts. After that, officials for the coming year will be elected by members of the Association.

Port Executive

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr T. F. R. Waters to be a Member of the Port Executive Committee, during the absence of Mr L. M. S. Lloyd, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

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